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Cable networks announce 3-D channel plans

BROADCAST Two major cable networks — ESPN and Discovery — said yesterday they plan to start beaming 3-D entertainment into peoples' homes for the first time.

ESPN said it will have a 3-D channel for live sports events in time for the FIFA World Cup soccer match on June 11.

The channel will not operate 24 hours a day, but plans at least 85 live events in its first year.

Separately, Discovery Communications Inc. announced it will partner with Canada's Imax Corp. and Sony Corp. to bring out its own full-time 3-D network.

Major electronics makers such as Sony Corp. and Panasonic Corp. are already planning to market 3-D-capable TVs this year.

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Success

- The movie industry has already had some success with 3-D technology as Avatar has taken in more than $1 billion at the box offices.

Juniors

Gold rush over

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Marco Scandella (No. 5), Brayden Schenn (No. 10) and Colten Teubert (No. 2) watch post-game ceremonies after being defeated by Team USA 6-5 in overtime last night. Team Canada's loss of the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship Tournament gold medal game at the Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon, Sask. ended an attempt to win a Canadian record of six consecutive golds. Coverage, page 8.

Body scanners coming to Vancouver's airport

Feds announce 44 machines to be installed across country

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A new era in travel security technology is being ushered in at Vancouver International Airport after the federal government yesterday announced full body scanners are being installed in airports across Canada.

Around 44 machines, which scan through clothing to produce a 3-D image of people's bodies, will be installed in 11 airports from Vancouver to Halifax by spring, said Transportation Minister John Baird and Minister of State Rob Merrifield.

The machines allow a screening officer in another room to scan for weapons a metal detector may miss and will only be used for passengers singled out for secondary screening.

It's a security measure some see as necessary after a Nigerian man carried explosives sewn into his underwear onto a plane from Amsterdam to Detroit on Christmas Day.

The technology has stirred controversy because it produces a detailed outline of a person's naked body, but the consensus at YVR yesterday was that it was an appropriate step in a world where terrorism continues to be a threat.

"Whatever keeps us safe," said Henrietta Jonker, who was at YVR to catch a flight to Ontario. "Even if it were (mandatory) for everyone, I wouldn't care."

Jennifer Armstrong, who was on her way to Winnipeg, said it seemed like a small price to pay for safer air travel.

Trevor Cutts, who was at the airport to pick up his family from a holiday in Mexico, said it's a "good idea" that should have been implemented last year to be up and running by the Olympics.

"I don't mind showing my private parts for safety," he said.

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A model demonstrates passenger use of an X-ray security scanner at Phoenix, Ariz.'s Sky Harbor International Airport in this file photo.

Tested

- The machines, which cost around $250,000 each, were tested during a pilot project at the Kelowna Airport last year.
- Full body scanners are already in use at airports in Amsterdam, Moscow and Phoenix.

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YVR food workers face lockout

NOTICE As a minimum wage earner at one of Vancouver International Airport's Tim Hortons, Cora Zon "somehow manages to survive" as her family's sole breadwinner.

But Zon and 300 colleagues eking out a living at the airport's HMSHost-run restaurants may be sent home tomorrow — and left without much-needed paycheques — if their employer makes good on a threat to lock them out.

The food service contractor issued the 72-hour lockout notice on Monday after negotiations between the company and the union failed.

Workers at Tim Hortons, Harvey's, Milestones and several outlets have been without a contract since March 2009, and are asking for better job security, benefits and wages.

Milestones staff are set to lose their jobs after the Olympics when HMSHost replaces it with a White Spot and hires non-union staff.

"It's like slapping us in the face," said Zon. "The company doesn't care how many years we've put in."

"We're asking for what we deserve and what other workers get ... I wish I could just storm in and tell (HMSHost) this."

Lynn Flandera, a spokesperson for Unite Here Local 40, which represents HMSHost employees, said these issues could have been resolved in the fall if the company had been willing to meet.

"In light of the Olympics, (this) goes against YVR's plans to put the best face forward for the world," she said.

Susan Goyette, communications director with HMSHost, said the company is in discussions with Local 40 to schedule meetings and restart negotiations.

"We are available immediately to meet as long as and as often as necessary with the union," she said.

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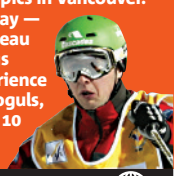

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Olympic time stops

The Olympic countdown clock, left, in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery suddenly went dark on Monday just after 6 p.m. because a major electrical upgrade downtown cut off its power. The timepiece automatically recalibrated when power was restored. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

COUGAR The Danskin, B.C. mother who fended off a cougar attacking her seven-year-old son says he is recovering well, but doesn't want anyone discussing the ordeal in front of him.

THREATS A man was arrested after allegedly threatening employees at the Cobalt Hotel with an axe and a knife. He is also accused of pulling several fire alarms at the hotel.

IDENTIFIED Police have identified the victim of Monday's fatal pedestrian accident on East Hastings Street as a 61-year-old Surrey resident.

DEATH The unidentified body of a man was recovered from a log boom in the Fraser River yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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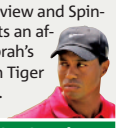
Blogs Vancouver Whitecaps owner Bob Lenarduzzi joins It's Called Football for part 1 of its year in review and Spin-Doctor suggests an afternoon on Oprah's couch to polish Tiger Woods' image.



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Controversial shelter reopens

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A controversial Vancouver homeless shelter that closed in June due to complaints of drug dealing, human waste and public sex is reopening today.

The mayor and operators of the False Creek North shelter say they have learned from last year's experience.

"We're confident that we can have a good, safe operation through this winter on a temporary basis," said Mayor Gregor Robertson.

"We have guidelines in place and a close working relationship with shelter operators to ensure that problems that have arisen in the past can be dealt with quickly and not create real issues in the neighbourhood."

Sean Spear, director of support services with RainCity Housing, the non-profit organization that will run the re-opened Granville shelter, said there will be only half the number of people this winter, because the neighbouring shelter on Howe Street is not reopening.

There will also be a reservation system to eliminate lineups and 24-hour staffing so that people don't have to leave during the day, he said.

Last winter, the city opened five low-barrier shelters in the Downtown and Downtown Eastside, including two beneath the Granville Street Bridge.

Robertson said trouble at the two sites arose when the weather warmed and people started hanging out in the alley. Residents complained about drug dealing and people urinating, defecating and having sex in public.

Housing Minister Rich Coleman closed the Granville shelter in June and the Howe Street shelter a month later.

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Sean Spear, director of support services with RainCity Housing, leads a tour of the Granville Street homeless shelter yesterday.

'Sleeping rough'

- According to the most recent estimates (2008) there are 1,600 homeless in Vancouver and 1,100 shelter beds. The city estimates that about 500 people are "sleeping rough" on the streets of Vancouver.

TransLink to audition buskers for Games

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Vancouver-area buskers interested in performing at a transit station during the Olympics can start tuning their instruments.

A special audition — sort of a Busker Idol — is being held on Jan. 14 to add more performers to TransLink's Musician Program. The transportation authority is looking at adding single and duo musical acts to its program before and during the Olympic Games.

Successful acts will be given a licence to perform at select stations, primarily in the downtown core from Feb. 1 to March 31 — a time when Vancouver's transit system is expected to move as many as one million people daily due to Olympic visitors and local street closures.

Bill Knight, community relations officer for TransLink, said the buskers will make any delays more enjoyable for commuters.

"Because we know there could be times during this period when customers may have to wait for transit, we think that supplementing the current program during the Games makes a lot of sense."

Go for the gold

- Auditions will be held in Burnaby at the TransLink Head Office at 4720 Kingsway St.

Home sales up 45 per cent in Vancouver in 2009: Board

REAL ESTATE The number of home sales in Vancouver increased almost 45 per cent last year compared to 2008, according to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV).

After beginning 2009 at near record low sales levels, buyers ended up purchasing 35,669 units by the end of December, up from the 24,626 units sold the previous year.

REBGV president Scott Russell attributed the strong sales to low interest rates.

"In fact, last month's home sales rank as the third-highest-selling December in the 90-year history of our organization," Russell said.

Residential sales in December 2009 were up 172.2 per cent over the same month in 2008. METRO VANCOUVER

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U.S. opposes closing locks to keep out Asian carp
The Obama administration opposes closing shipping locks near Chicago to prevent Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes. The voracious fish have been migrating up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers toward the Great Lakes for decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Focus on economy, not torture: Harper

PM says Canadians worried about jobs

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians aren't really concerned about allegations that the government engaged in a cover-up over the abuse of Afghan detainees.

"I think polls have been pretty clear that that's not on the top of the radar of most Canadians," Harper said in an interview with CBC-TV correspondent Peter Mansbridge.

Harper

The government had been on the defensive late last year over allegations that it tried to cover up information that Afghan authorities were abusing Afghan detainees after they were handed over by Canadian soldiers. And opposition MPs say Harper decided to suspend Parliament until March to shut down a House of Commons committee probing the detainee controversy.

But Harper said Canadians are more interested in the recession battering the country. "What's on the radar is the economy."

The Prime Minister said his government wants to focus on economic conditions when Parliament reopens on March 3 with a speech from the throne and a budget the next day.

But there's no doubt the opposition parties will return to the Afghan detainee issue in March, he said. "They've been on that subject for three or four years now. I'm sure they'll continue on it."

In his first public comments on his decision to close down Parliament for the second time in a little over a year, Harper insisted it was a "routine constitutional matter" if the government isn't threatened with defeat by other parties in the Commons.

"We want to take some time to recalibrate the government's agenda" on the economy and other policies, the Prime Minister said. He didn't name the other priority issues, but Conservatives have said law-and-order legislation will feature prominently in the next session.

He also said the government will quickly fill vacancies in the Senate to make it harder for Liberal senators to make changes to Conservative legislation approved in the Commons.

On the question of realigning airline security in the wake of the latest terrorist scare in the United States, Harper said security measures in Canada will have to become tighter.

"We don't have to take identical measures (as the U.S.), but we certainly have to undertake measures that would prevent any similar kind of threat in Canada."

Ottawa will examine the 14-country terrorist watch list announced by the U.S. in recent days to see if Canada should adopt this approach. But "we may arrive at different conclusions," Harper said.

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'A screw-up that could have been disastrous': Obama

"We have to do better, and we will do better. And we will do it quickly."
U.S. President Barack Obama on the failure to prevent attempted bombing

WASHINGTON U.S. President Barack Obama asserted yesterday the government had enough information to foil the attempted bombing on a Christmas Day airline flight but intelligence agencies "failed to connect those dots" and left nearly 300 passengers and crew in peril.

Obama called that unacceptable. "I will not tolerate it," he said.

The accused attacker, 23-year-old Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, has claimed ties to al-Qaida. Witnesses said he ignited an explosive mixture but it failed to do serious damage to the Northwest jetliner or its passengers, and he was subdued by other passengers and airline crew members on the Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines flight.

Obama, speaking after meeting with his Cabinet and national security team, declared, "We have to do better, and we will do better. And we will do it quickly."

But while he expressed clear displeasure with the U.S. failure to prevent the suspect from boarding a U.S.-bound flight, Obama did not announce any firings or job reassignments.

According to a White House statement released later, Obama told his gathering of officials: "This was a screw-up that could have been disastrous. We dodged a bullet but just barely. It was averted by brave individuals, not because the system worked, and that is not acceptable."

Obama also said he was suspending the transfer of Guantanamo detainees to Yemen. The Christmas attack has raised concerns about Yemen, because the Nigerian man has claimed to have been acting on instructions from al-Qaida operatives in that country.

Nearly half of the 198 terror suspect detainees held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba are from Yemen. But Obama reiterated his vow to eventually close the camp.

"Make no mistake, we will close Guantanamo prison," Obama said. The camp, he said, "was an explicit rationale for the formation of al-Qaida" operating in Yemen.

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Ex-PCs claim delegate manipulation

ALBERTA Two disaffected Alberta Tories say members of Premier Ed Stelmach's caucus were told to screen delegates who voted on his leadership in November.

Heather Forsyth and Rob Anderson, who joined the rival Wildrose Alliance this week, say the order came from a senior government member.

They say every MLA was told to make sure that voting delegates were behind Stelmach's leadership.

Stelmach, who got 77 per cent support, is on holiday and officials in his office have refused comment.

Forsyth says that kind of delegate manipulation never happened in the past, and both she and Anderson say they refused to screen voters from their constituencies.

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Calgary **Training with the pooch**

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Deanne Collinson, a Calgary-based certified trainer of 6Legs to Fitness, a fitness program for dogs and their owners, works out with her dog Maddie, an Irish terrier, yesterday.

Hubble looks at universe's baby picture

SPACE The U.S. Hubble Space Telescope has captured the earliest image yet of the universe — just 600 million years after the Big Bang, when the universe was just a toddler. Scientists released the photo yesterday. It is the most complete picture of the early universe so far, showing galaxies with stars that are already hundreds of millions of years old, along with the unmistakable primordial signs of the first cluster of stars. Until NASA's Hubble telescope was repaired and upgraded last year, the farthest back in time that astronomers could see was about 900 million years after the Big Bang, one scientist said. Hubble has been key in helping determine the age of the universe at about 13.7 billion years.

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London **Taking stock**

KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mammal keeper Lucy Smith counts coatis during the annual stocktaking at London Zoo yesterday. More than 750 different species are tallied up in the count.

News in brief

BIN LADEN With a book written by one of Osama bin Laden's sons, and with news of a daughter sheltering in the Saudi Embassy in Iran, some of the blanks are being filled in on the life of the Sept. 11, 2001 mastermind's large family, including lurid details of his parenting style. Two weeks ago, the son, Omar bin Laden, revealed that many of the children who had been with their father in Afghanistan escaped to Iran following the 2001 invasion, and were still together in a walled compound under Iranian guard. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iceland blocks U.K., Dutch payout
Iceland's president yesterday blocked a bill to pay Britain and the Netherlands $5.7 billion for losses from the collapse of one of its banks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Google's smartphone hits the market in U.S.

Hype, high price may hurt Nexus One's appeal

Google Inc. began selling its own mobile phone yesterday, a much-anticipated move aimed at protecting its online advertising empire as people increasingly surf the web on handsets instead of personal computers — but Canadians will have to wait until they can order one.

The Nexus One joins about 20 other mobile devices that already run on Android, the mobile operating system that Google introduced in 2007 to make it easier to connect to its services and other websites away from home or the office.

Google designed the touchscreen phone in partnership with Taiwan's HTC Corp., which made the first Android-powered phone and will manufacture this one, too. Google will handle all sales online and has no plans to let consumers check out the Nexus One in retail stores.

The Nexus One has been in the hands of Google employees for the past three weeks, triggering media speculation and anticipation for the company's first attempt to peddle a consumer electronics device.

Given the hype, the Nexus One could be a bit of a letdown because it only takes a few steps beyond what's already possible on handheld devices. And the Nexus One's standard price of $529 US may lessen its appeal.

On Twitter, a Google Canada spokesperson offered the company's rationale for not launching the phone in Canada yet: "We're gradually launching in different places to get user feedback and ensure smooth ordering," the spokesperson said.

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Android

- Until now, Google has been content to let other companies design the devices relying on Android. And those devices thus far have largely been distributed like most other mobile phones, tethered to major wireless carriers that typically require buyers to lock into two-year contracts in return for discounts.

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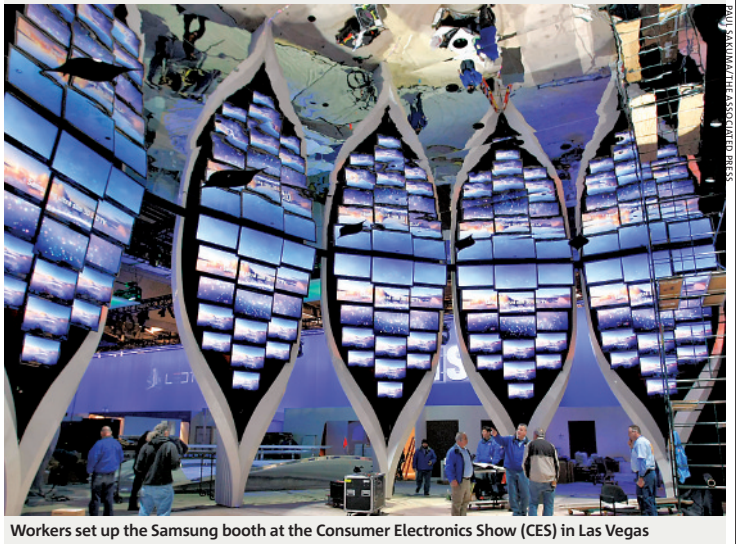

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Workers set up the Samsung booth at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas yesterday. The showroom floor opens tomorrow.

Business in brief

AUTO INDUSTRY December proved to be a big month for many of Canada's leading car companies as Ford of Canada, Toyota Canada and Hyundai all reported banner months. Ford said its December sales soared more than 25 per cent compared with 2008, while Toyota claimed its best-ever sales for the month.

CURRENCY The Canadian dollar's renewed climb on global currency markets is raising concerns manufacturers won't be able to take full advantage of a production spike south of the border. The loonie rose to the highest level since October yesterday.

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There's a new gunslinger in Alberta

TheWestView

Here we go again. Alberta, which spawns right-wing parties like it sprouts oil wells, has given birth to another: The Wildrose Alliance Party.

If you're keeping score at home, that's three: Social Credit, Reform, and now this.

What is it about Alberta that fosters a live-free-or-die attitude among its citizens? Maybe it should be designated a distinct society, like Quebec or Newfoundland.

If you've never heard of Wildrose, don't feel bad. Until the day before yesterday, it had exactly one seat in the 83-seat Alberta legislature, while the Perpetual Conservatives, who have governed uninterrupted for 38 years, had 70.

Well, pardner, all that changed when two Tory MLAs, fed up with the dank obscurity of the back bench, rode their 15 minutes of fame across the floor of the house, and the Wildrose vaulted over the NDP to become the third largest party in Alberta, even though it won't be two years old until Jan. 19.

So people are starting to take notice. There's even a chance Wildrose will increase its elected caucus to four as former Tory Guy Boutilier, cast into the ranks of the independents by a wrathful Premier Ed Stelmach last summer for daring to complain out loud, gleefully ponders casting his lot with Wildrose before the legislature opens next month.

That means Wildrose would automatically enjoy full legislative privileges, unlike the socialists, who have a key to the washroom only because the Speaker has taken pity on them.

You're also forgiven if you think you've seen this movie before. Wildrose rose from the ashes of the Alberta Alliance, which itself rose from the ashes of the Reform Party, and down there somewhere, lurks the ghost of Bible Bill Aberhart, the father of Social Credit.

However, the new face of Social Credit/Reform/Alliance is the infinitely more attractive Danielle Smith, who, while fiscally conservative, is media savvy and a celebrated alum of Calgary Inc.'s 40 Under 40. Unlike the previous generation of Reform/Alliance media beefheads, Smith understands modern media relations, and is not about to be trapped into the macho, homophobic, white supremacist self-destruction common to the clan.

Still, is there room for two parties on the right, even in Alberta, where there's apparently room for anything? Stephen Harper didn't think so, and he got to be prime minister by uniting the right, even if the earliest fusion, the Canadian Conservative Reform Alliance, came to CCRAP when you added the word "party," which, of course, everybody did.

But don't think Ed Stelmach isn't looking over his shoulder. There's a new gunslinger in Wildrose Country, and in a delightful 21st-century twist, she's a woman.

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Word on the street: What are your New Year's resolutions?

Brooke Walker
Vancouver

A: I am a struggling actress. My New Year's resolution is to get an agent, get a paid gig instead of only doing student films, and I want to stay more fit.

David Innanen
Vancouver

A: I plan on drinking less, cutting back to three or four drinks instead of six to eight, to protect my liver. I am worried about an early death in my 50s or 60s. I want to see 80 or 90.

AJung Moon
Vancouver

A: It is to exercise two times a week and that's because I need to move muscles. I am a grad student at UBC. I do research at the mechanical engineering department and I find myself sitting in front of a computer everyday.

John MacDonald
Toronto

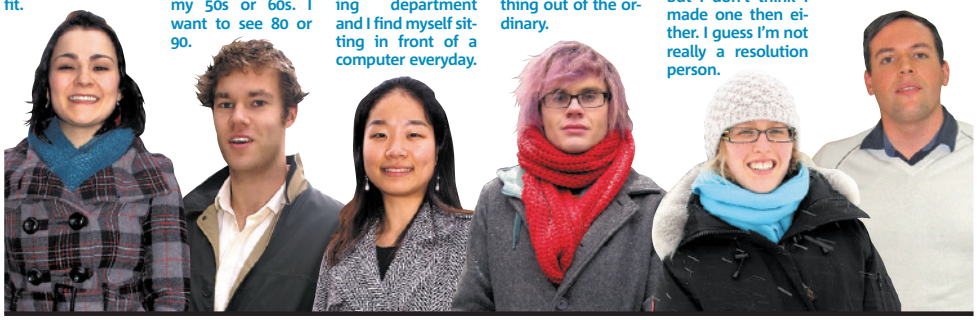
A: Exercise more, everyone does that ... Try to do hard things, things that I wouldn't normally do ... take a dance class or learn a new language, something out of the ordinary.

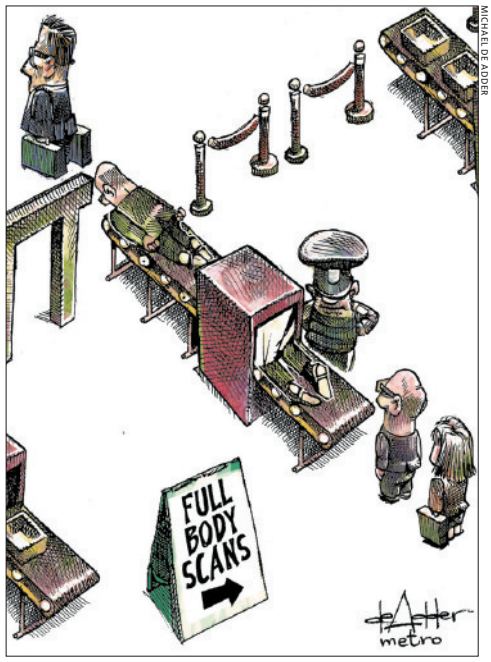
Britt Gregg-Wallace
Ottawa

A: I didn't make one. I find that January is not a great time for resolutions. September is more my month, but I don't think I made one then either. I guess I'm not really a resolution person.

David Blanchard
Edmonton

A: I want to support more local venues by buying food at farmers' markets.





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Sports

Big Unit retiring

Randy Johnson, left, is retiring after 22 major league seasons. The Big Unit, an overpowering left-hander who last June became the 24th pitcher to win 300 games, made the expected announcement yesterday. The five-time Cy Young Award winner owns a World Series ring and co-MVP honours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Burrows leads Canucks to victory with hat trick

NHL

Blue Jackets 3 Canucks 7

AT

NHL Alex Burrows scored three times for Vancouver yesterday as the surging Canucks pounded the slumping Columbus Blue Jackets 7-3.

The left-winger's first two goals helped spark a Canucks' comeback from a 2-0 deficit in the first and he completed his second-career hat trick while short-handed on a pass from Ryan Kesler in the third.

It was a big night for Burrows — who now has 14 goals on the season — and for linemates Daniel and Henrik Sedin.

Henrik Sedin scored his 20th goal and added two assists to move into a first-place tie for the NHL scoring lead with Joe Thornton of the San Jose Sharks. Both have 58 points.

Daniel Sedin set up the first two Burrows goals and assisted on his brother's game-winner.

Rick Rypien, Sami Salo, on the power play and Mikael Samuelsson also counted for the Canucks.

Vancouver got six goals past Columbus netminder Steve Mason on 17 shots. He was replaced by Mathieu Garon at 14:53 of the second period.

R.J. Umberger, Kristian Huselius and Kris Russell scored for Columbus.

The victory moved the Canucks into a tie for sixth place in the Western Conference with Nashville and Los Angeles. They are two points behind Calgary for the Northwest Division lead.

Vancouver, home after collecting seven of a possible eight points on a four-game road trip, won for the sixth time in seven games to improve to 26-16-1.

Free-falling Columbus, which chased goalie Roberto Luongo in a 5-3 win in the Canucks' home opener on Oct. 5, lost their 13th game in 14 starts to drop to 15-20-9.

It was also their 13th straight road loss after a 5-1 start to the season.

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Tight-knit U.S. takes gold

WORLD JUNIORS

U.S. 6, Canada 5 (OT)

The United States found the elusive ingredient to win the world junior men's hockey championship.

A smaller, younger, less experienced American team than in previous years, but one that had teamwork and trust in each other, edged Canada 6-5 in overtime yesterday to foil the host country's bid to win a record sixth straight title.

John Carlson scored the winner with a wrist shot at 4:21 of overtime after Canada scored two quick goals to tie the game. It was the second goal of the game for Carlson, on loan to the U.S. team by his American Hockey League team in Hershey.

"He's one special player. Keep your eyes on him," U.S. captain Derek Stepan said of Carlson. "He's going to be in the NHL for a long time."

Carlson credited the rapport with his teammates for the win.

"You look at a guy like Jordan Schroeder. He's been here for three years and hasn't won it," Carlson said. "It's my first time. It's something I'll never forget. The camaraderie we have in the room kept us going."

The U.S. got some revenge for a 5-4 shootout loss against Canada on New Year's Eve that gave the hosts a bye to the semifinals. The Americans also led that game by two goals before allowing Canada to send it to overtime.

"It's unfortunate we didn't get to make history," Canadian forward Taylor Hall said.

Yesterday's final was the first between the two countries since 2004, when the U.S. came from behind to beat Canada in Helsinki, Finland, for the Americans' first gold medal in the tournament.

Canada had won it every year after that until yesterday.

"Everyone's bummed out," Canadian defenceman Ryan Ellis said. "We got so close and it didn't happen for us. But everyone's sticking together. We're a close team and we've got our heads up high."

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Team USA's John Carlson scores past Team Canada goaltender Martin Jones in overtime to beat Canada 6-5 and win the gold medal at the World Junior Hockey Championship last night.

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6. Brian B	AB, CA	592	236	334	570
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	584	206	359	565
7. Jonathon Gremsperger	BC, CA	599	241	324	565
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Sports in brief

REDSKINS Mike Shanahan agreed yesterday to become the coach of the Washington Redskins, the latest step in a major overhaul of a troubled franchise. Shanahan's decision to join the team was confirmed to The Associated Press by an official within the NFL.

NFL The company behind a plan to lure the NFL back to Los Angeles said yesterday the Jacksonville Jaguars and Buffalo Bills are the first teams it will try to relocate. Majestic Realty Co. managing partner John Semcken said the company is still considering at least seven franchises for a new stadium just east of Los Angeles.

OVECHKIN The Washington Capitals are putting the captain's "C" on star forward Alex Ovechkin. The NHL club announced that the 24-year-old Moscow native will serve as team captain beginning last night against the visiting Montreal Canadiens, who the Caps beat 4-2.

TRADE The Red Sox and Mariners are working on a trade that would send first baseman Casey Kotchman from Boston to Seattle, according to a person familiar with the talks. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity yesterday because the trade was perhaps a couple of days from being finalized.

MLS Major League Soccer could be headed for a work stoppage next month. The sport's international union says management is threatening to lock out MLS players after the league's five-year labour contract expires Jan. 31.

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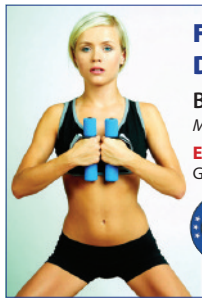

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Canucks must keep home ice an advantage

TheHockeyNews

Heading into the New Year the Vancouver Canucks are one of the best home teams in the NHL in terms of both points earned and winning percentage.

So with that stat up their sleeve, they have to come up aces in a home-ice packed January. Problem is, six of the nine teams they face at home this month have winning percentages legitimately above .500 on the road.

The should-wins come against sub-.500 teams Dallas and Columbus; the Stars because of their proximity in the standings and the fact the Canucks are 2-0 against them this year with Roberto Luongo in net, the Blue Jackets because they're the weakest team visiting GM Place in January.

"While the home games become more and more important, the competition couldn't be any stiffer."

From there it gets interesting. Even though St. Louis is well out of the playoffs, they are still road warriors with an 11-4-3 record. Nashville, Calgary and Chicago are all ahead of Vancouver in the West standings and are a combined 34-18-7 on the road.

Pittsburgh and Buffalo both hold home-ice slots in the East's playoff race and are together 25-15-0 on the road, while the only other team with a sub-.500 winning percentage in unfamiliar arenas (Phoenix, 9-8-3) sits fourth in the West with a stingy defence and stellar goalie.

So while the home games become more and more important, the competition couldn't be any stiffer.

But the complete opposite can be said for Vancouver's three road games through the rest of the month as Minnesota, Edmonton and Toronto all sit below .500 on their home ice with a combined 22-36-8 record. If the Canucks don't end January with eight road points they better make up some of that lost time with a hot streak of home wins.

Because while Vancouver itself is very good on home ice (16-6-0), their road record is very average (9-10-1) and after the game against St. Louis on the 27th, the Canucks won't return to home ice for a month and a half.

Rather than playing it slow and letting the road-heavy, post-January games dictate their destiny, the Canucks have to go all-in now when the cards, however slightly, are in their favour.

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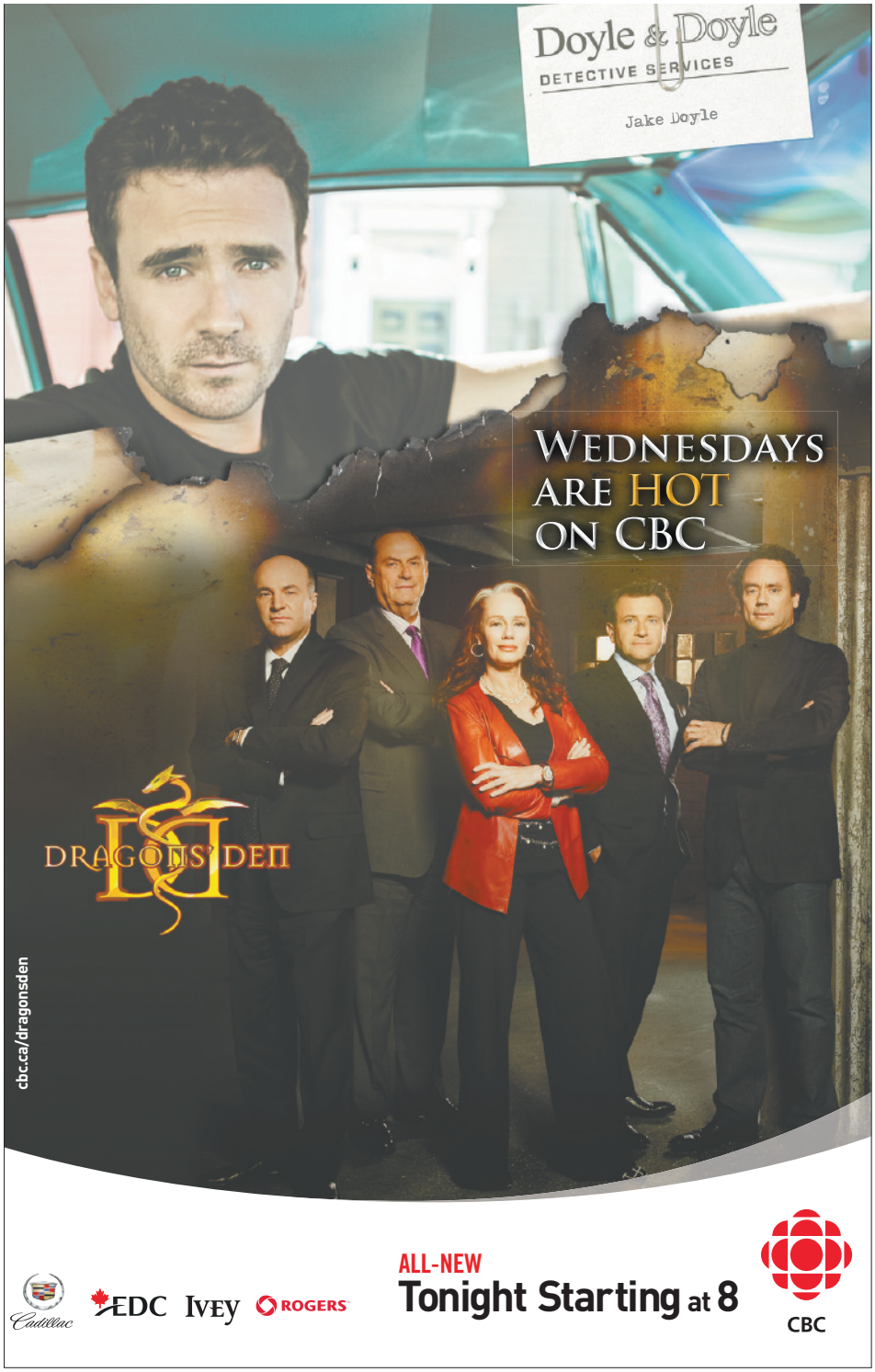

Woods' wife knocked his teeth out with golf club, alleges former NHL coach

DETAILS Showing the appetite for details of Tiger Woods' meltdown knows no bounds, former NHL coach Pat Burns has offered his take on the night the world's best golfer crashed his SUV just outside his Florida home.

During his daily interview with CKAC Sports radio in Montreal yesterday, Burns says he was told by police acquaintances in Florida that Woods' wife Elin Nordegren hit her husband with a golf club — leaving Woods with a deep cut on the cheek and two missing front teeth — after reading texts from another woman on his cellphone.

Burns said it was at that point that Woods fled for his car, with his wife in pursuit.

Burns, a former police officer and hockey coach who lives in Florida, says sources he's close to within the Florida Highway Patrol gave him an account of what they said transpired during the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend.

Neither Woods nor Nordegren has spoken publicly about what happened that night.

But the unsubstantiated story of the missing teeth and golf club has made the rounds on the Internet, including in a blog by a long-time Atlanta Journal-Constitution columnist, who cited another reporter close to Woods.

Burns says Nordegren smashed the windows of his SUV shortly before he crashed the vehicle into a tree in the upscale central Florida neighbourhood where they lived.

Woods has not been seen in public since the crash.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Surgery?

- Burns said Woods was not immediately available to the police following the incident because he was in Phoenix having emergency dental and plastic surgery.

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Philadelphia at Dallas, 5 p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAME
Green Bay at Arizona, 1:40 p.m.

Airport official doesn't expect added delays

Vancouver Airport Authority operations vice-president Don Ehrenholz says enhanced security measures for U.S.-bound flights won't create more delays for Winter Olympic travellers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Older and wiser

Alexandre Bilodeau learns from Turin experience

A baby-faced Alexandre Bilodeau was oozing with confidence as he stood atop the Olympic moguls run in Turin.

"I will always remember the mistake and I won't do it again."
Alexandre Bilodeau, on a missed jump in Turin that dropped him to 11th

About a month before the 2006 Games, the teenager had become the youngest man ever to win a World Cup moguls event. He captured a second gold only days before the Olympics.

With only a handful of World Cup competitions under his belt, Bilodeau had quickly surged to No. 2 in the world and was a genuine Olympic medal contender.

It all happened so fast it almost seemed easy, he now admits.

Almost.

"My run was great, I had just one mistake, which cost me a lot," said Bilodeau, now 22, who missed his second jump in Turin and tumbled to an 11th-place finish.

"I will always remember the mistake and I won't do it again."

Today, the reigning World Cup champ isn't exactly grizzled, but he is wiser and even more accomplished than the self-described "young pup" version of himself that competed in Turin.

"Before 2006, I didn't know what the Olympics were all about," said Bilodeau, whose eyes widen when he starts talking about the Games.

"You've got four years to train for one thing."

The Rosemere, Que. native is now gunning for that next shot at an Olympic medal.

Since his first Olympic appearance, Bilodeau's career has soared in a judged discipline that awards points to athletes based on their technique for navigating the moguls, their execution of two aerial tricks and how fast they can tear down the hill.

Bilodeau finished the 2005-06 season ranked second in the world and was named FIS rookie of the year. The following season he finished at No. 3, and in 2007-08 he was No. 4.

Last season, he exploded on the World Cup hills, winning five golds and three silvers in nine starts en route to the championship.

Fellow Canadians Pierre-Alexandre Rousseau of Drummondville, Que., and Vincent Marquis of Quebec City joined Bilodeau on the podium twice last year, making them only the second team to pull off such a feat on the World Cup circuit. This year, Bilodeau will face tough competition from his teammates — Marquis finished third overall in the 2009 World Cup moguls standings and Rousseau was fourth — and from international stars, especially with the return of Canadian-born 2006 Olympic champ Dale Begg-Smith, who skis for Australia.

Begg-Smith, winner of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 World Cup titles, suffered a season-ending knee injury in January 2009.

But even with Begg-Smith back on the moguls tour, the scrappy Bilodeau says he's ready to fight.

"Bring it on!" Bilodeau wrote in a recent blog posting on his website in response to an Australian report that says Begg-Smith plans to take back his world title. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Moguls World Cup champ Alexandre Bilodeau is gunning for another shot at an Olympic medal after falling short of the podium in Turin as a teenager.

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Wilson leaning towards riding one goalie for Team USA

Ron Wilson is looking to the trends of Olympics past in settling on his goaltending plans for the 2010 Vancouver Games.

The American coach said Monday he's leaning towards running with the hot hand, rather than alternating between netminders.

Choosing a starter won't be easy for Wilson, who will have Buffalo Sabres star Ryan Miller, the stingy Tim Thomas of the Boston Bruins and young Jonathan Quick of the L.A. Kings at his disposal when play begins Feb. 16.

But he believes consistency is the way to go.

"Generally speaking, the teams that have, if you look in the past, won the gold medal, have played one goaltender," Wilson said on a conference call. "It's not unlike what you do in the playoffs, as well. More than likely that's what I would do but we'll see when the time comes."

History backs up his contention. At the 1998 Nagano Olympics, when NHLers participated for the first time, Dominik Hasek played in all six games as the Czech Republic won gold.

Ron Wilson

Martin Brodeur played in five straight for Canada after taking over from Curtis Joseph, a 5-2 loser to Sweden in the tournament opener, in 2002 at Salt Lake City.

And Henrik Lundqvist played in six of Sweden's eight games en route to gold at the 2006 Games in Turin.

Also factoring into the decision for Wilson is the need to show his players that the generational transition from American teams past to the current, younger squad hasn't changed the program's goals.

"One of our things we talked about here and with our players as well is that we're not going to Vancouver to prepare anyone for Sochi (host of the 2014 Olympics)," said Wilson. "This is about going to Vancouver to win a gold medal."

U.S. team general manager Brian Burke, also Wilson's boss with the Toronto Maple Leafs, agrees with that notion and said his sole focus in selecting players was going for gold.

That's why he didn't take the easy route in selecting his roster, passing on longtime national-team building blocks like Mike Modano and Bill Guerin in favour of younger, less accomplished players.

"We are underdogs," Burke said. "We don't mind going in under the radar ... We are going there to win."

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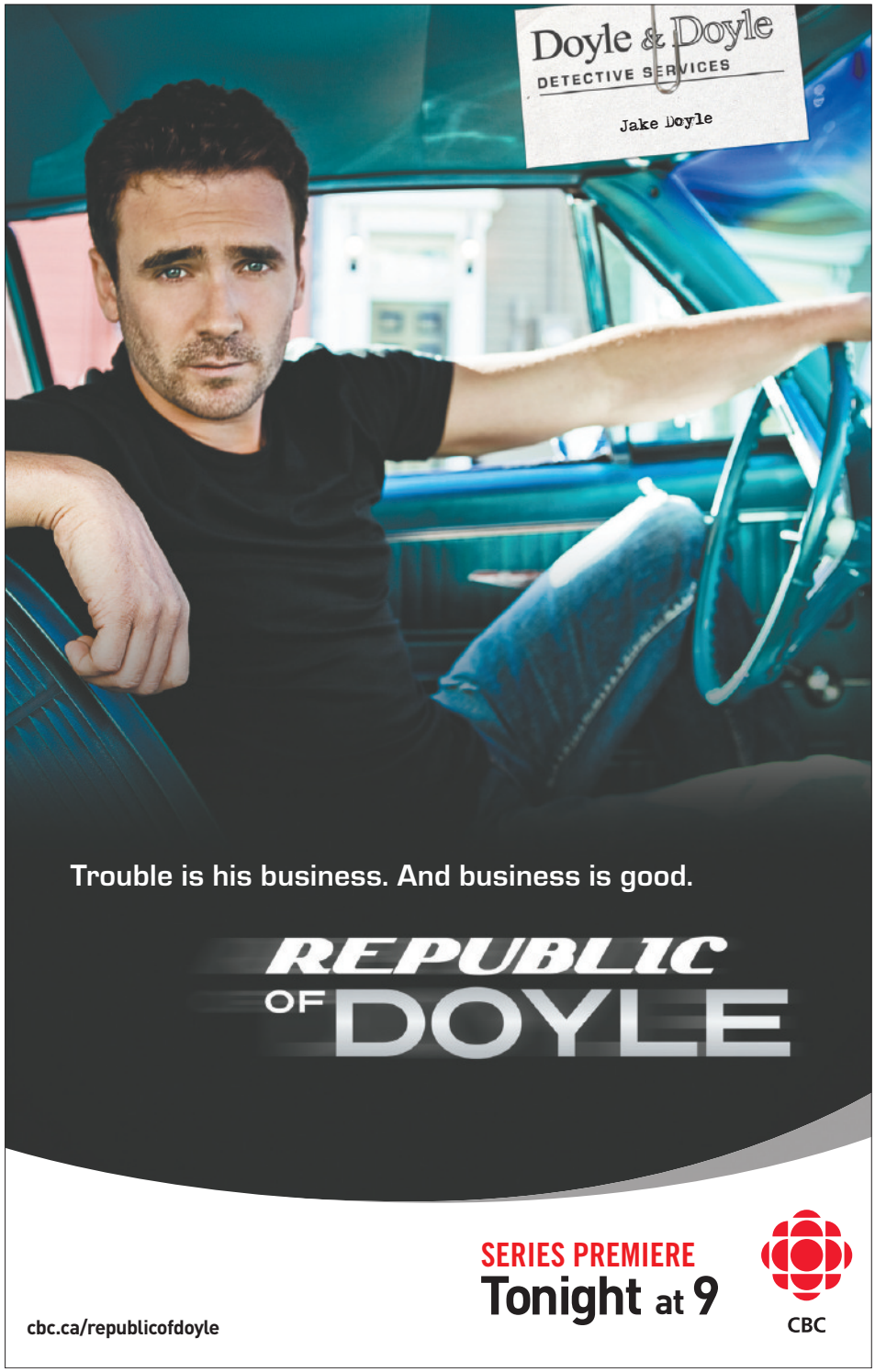

Kwan dubs Kim Yu-na as role model for next generation of S. Korean skaters

SKATING Five-time world champion Michelle Kwan believes South Korean Kim Yu-na, one of the favourites for the Vancouver Olympics, is an influential role model for future figure skaters from the Asian nation.

Kwan is visiting South Korea this week as a goodwill ambassador for the U.S. State Department, and led a training session yesterday in Seoul for young skaters preparing for the Special Olympics.

"I know they all look up to Yu-na Kim," Kwan said. "It's a very big compliment when (Kim) said, 'I looked up to you, Michelle, when I was very young.'"

Kim, 19, the reigning world champion, is South Korea's first hope for an Olympic medal in figure skating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Pinheads' gearing up for Vancouver

COLLECTORS Chris Pasterfield doesn't mind if people call him a "pinhead" — in fact, in his line of work it's a compliment.

Pasterfield is CEO of Artiss Aminco, the company that's making the pins for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. With more than two decades of Olympic pin-making experience under his belt, Pasterfield knows a few things about the keepsakes and those who trade them.

"The rule of thumb is the guys are called pinheads, the girls are called pin-ups," laughs Pasterfield.

"That's a good way to describe them because they're obsessed, absolutely obsessed. The only cure for pin collecting, I think, is time, and I'm not too sure that even works because people are still looking for pins from past Olympics."

"Pins become the currency of the games." Chris Pasterfield, Artiss Aminco CEO

Pasterfield has been watching people covet and trade the small pieces of metal at the Olympics since the games were held in Calgary in 1988.

There's no way to predict what pin will be the hit of the Vancouver games.

There are more than 500 pin designs for retail sale and almost as many different designs for corporate sponsors. Artiss Aminco expects to make up to 15-million pins.

Pasterfield's personal favourite is a framed set of positional hockey poses, including the coach and referee. There will also be 13 goalie masks for each country in hockey.

There will be official pin trading sites in Vancouver, but he knows the tiny treasures will be swapped in the athletes' village, on buses, in stores and on the street. "There's all sorts of ways to get pins and pins become the currency of the games," Pasterfield said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Japan may set green standard

Japanese safety standards for hybrid and electric vehicles may become the global standard, with the UN World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations likely to adopt them when it meets in Geneva in March, according to the Green Car Congress. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

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Toyota Yaris sharp, spunky

The exchange at Toyota Canada began like any other — sign the paperwork, grab the keys, go out and find my test vehicle.

But when I went to press the key fob to flash the lights and identify the correct Yaris, I realized there was no fob and no buttons — just a plain old key.

It was then I sensed trouble.

Parked in front of me was the 2010 Yaris three-door CE Hatchback, in all but its most basic trim.

No keyless entry, no power locks, no power windows and when I sat down to adjust the mirrors, found no power adjustments here either.

In fact, the only options were a four-speed automatic transmission that added $1,000 to the base price of $13,620, and air conditioning for another $1,155.

Despite the challenges of running around locking and unlocking doors, rolling up windows (thankfully I didn't have the five-door) and fiddling with the side mirrors, I was impressed that Toyota included such a stripped-down model in its press fleet.

Sure you can order the Yaris Hatchback as a fully-loaded, five-door RS with the necessary power doodads, in-dash six-CD changer, aluminum alloys and more, but that brings the price to $20,555 — more than many would expect to pay for an entry-level subcompact.

2010 Toyota Yaris CE 3-door Hatchback

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Drive method: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive
Engine: DOHC 1.5 litre, 16-valve four cylinder (106 hp, 103 lb/ft of torque)
Fuel economy: Automatic: 7.0/5.7/6.4L/100km (city/hwy/combined)
Price: $13,620 (base) plus $1,000 for automatic and $1,155 for air conditioning
Website: Toyota.ca

Driving the base car, on the other hand, focuses one's mind more squarely on the driving experience, not the gadgets.

My first impression was that the Yaris Hatch is a sharp little car.

More handsome than its sibling four-door sedan, more chic than the Echo, which it replaced, and light years more stylish than the Tercel, which preceded all of these as Toyota's subcompact offering.

It's stubby nose, short front and rear overhangs, and protruding wheel arches give the Yaris Hatch a sporty, firmly-planted, four-square stance.

Inside, the base unit is fairly spartan, with a simple hooded instrument panel in the centre of the dash and a two-speaker AM/FM/CD sound system (with plug-in for MP3 players) and three large knobs for climate control and fan speed directly below.

Still, the wide expanse of textured plastic on either side of the instruments is well outfitted with storage. There's a pull-out cupholder to the left of the steering wheel, a glovebox behind the wheel, an upper and lower glovebox on the passenger side, and another cupholder on the far right. The front bucket seats offer few adjustments (forward/back, recline), but provide high bolsters in the thighs and back and a comfortable grippy fabric that really holds you in place during hard cornering.

On the passenger side, a single lever folds the front seat and moves it forward enough for access to the rear. It's surprisingly roomy in back, with plenty of kneeroom, shoulder room and headroom for two large adults. Three of lesser size will fit in a pinch, but for short trips only. My only gripe here is the windows don't open.

The rear seatback folds down to create a reasonable cargo area, albeit smaller than some of Yaris's competitors. A 60/40 split seatback is optional on the three-door and is standard with the five-door hatch.

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With short overhangs, a stubby nose and wheels pushed out to the corners, the 2010 Yaris CE three-door hatchback displays a punchy attitude in contrast to its thrifty base price and fuel economy.

Above, simple controls are located below the centre instrument panel. The Yaris offers plenty of storage with a glovebox behind the steering wheel. Left, the rear seatback folds to expand the cargo area of the 2010 Yaris. 60/40 split fold seats are optional on the three-door hatchback but standard on the five door.

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Workology

uCal cuts gifted programs

The University of Calgary's education faculty announced that due to the market downturn the university would not renew the contract of Centre for Gifted Education's acting director, who was providing free counselling to parents and gifted elementary and high school students. The centre's summer camps and Saturday programs have also been discontinued. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The face of techies

Working at School

Every Wednesday for the next month Metro's Workology section will be featuring a variety of careers that you may not have thought of; jobs in which you stay in college or university after graduating. There are many jobs that make post-secondary institutions hum, here's but one:

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

On campuses across Canada, computer technicians are often the go-to people for instant help and a lot of peace of mind.

For many of them, the full-time work provides a satisfying career supported by strong unions, reasonable work hours and a great work environment full of people who share a common bond.

Charlie Pollock, 31, did a psychology degree but always had a knack for fixing computers so when a full-time desktop support technician position opened up at the University of Calgary, he jumped at the chance to make it a job.

Now, four years later, he still loves the challenge of fixing computers and the thrill of the kill when he solves a tough case.

"It's always changing, never the same. Every day you run into new problems — it's kind of Sherlock Holmes-ey, you have to do research and take some time to deal with the tougher problems correctly," Pollock said.

With a plethora of platforms, hardware and software abounding, Pollock says the greatest challenge is often just getting a grip of the specifics on individual situations for which sometimes even the Internet is stumped for answers.

Pollock says his work is less about fixing gadgets and more about people.

"Our job is largely customer service focused so you don't want to burn any bridges or make anyone feel stupid. A lot of times people just don't understand the technology, and that's fine," Pollock said.

Funny IT story

- One customer gaffe sticks out in computer technician Charlie Pollock's mind: His team once rushed a technician out to help a woman whose desktop icons had disappeared off her screen, only to discover she forgot to turn on the monitor.

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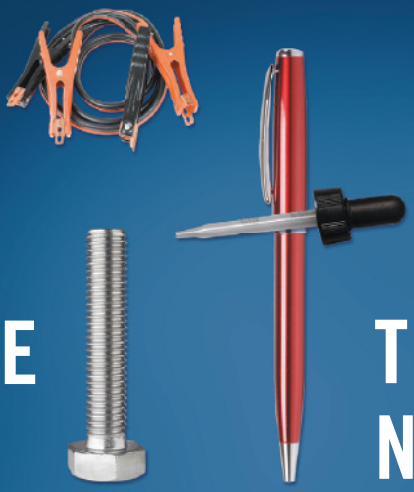
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Dragons call in the experts

Dragons' Den
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Calgary entrepreneurs Demetrius Lloyd and Daniel Diamond meet surprise guest Mike Holmes on tonight's Dragons' Den episode.

Sometimes a little help goes a long way. In any facet of work or life, to be successful means you have to be humble enough to ask for help when you need it. And tonight's episode of Dragons' Den proves the Dragons are no different. For the first time ever, the Dragons invite three industry experts to weigh in on the pitches presented.

In their own careers leading up to Dragon status, the Den's panel of entrepreneurs have become experts in their own fields — but that doesn't mean they know everything about everything. And considering the incredibly wide range of business ideas that are pitched on the program, some are bound to be in markets where the Dragons are less than 100-per-cent confident.

These money-savvy millionaires don't want to miss a fantastic opportunity, just because it lies outside their comfort zone. So bring on the expert advisors.

Consulting an expert can benefit anyone. If you're trying to get your boss or a team member to buy into your idea, it can definitely pay off to do a bit of research. Have other companies used the strategy you're proposing? Is there a famous quote from someone with proven experience that backs up what you're saying? It definitely adds to the credibility of your presentation if you can show you've done your homework.

You'll see tonight how an expert opinion can help, or hinder, a presentation. Daniel Diamond and Demetrius Lloyd of Calgary brave the Den with a specialty tool they've invented. They know their product inside and out, but they need help turning their invention into a business. And they know the wealthy Dragons can help them, if they can explain the opportunity properly.

Luckily home inspection guru Mike Holmes is there to help. As Arlene admits, "Thank goodness you're here, Mike, because he lost me at rebar."

Even the toughest of critics, Kevin O'Leary, appreciates an expert's help in the den. "We're basically trying to determine the risk of the market or product or service. And an expert's opinion is a great way of determining that risk."

But proving your point with a little backup won't necessarily get you a deal or drive home that sales presentation, especially when looking for capital, or CASH as the dragons fondly refer to it. An expert helps, but it's still up to you.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

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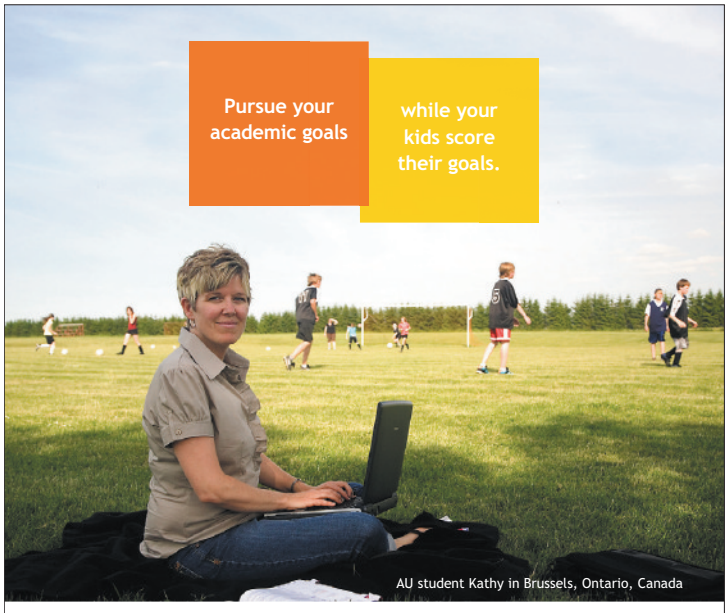

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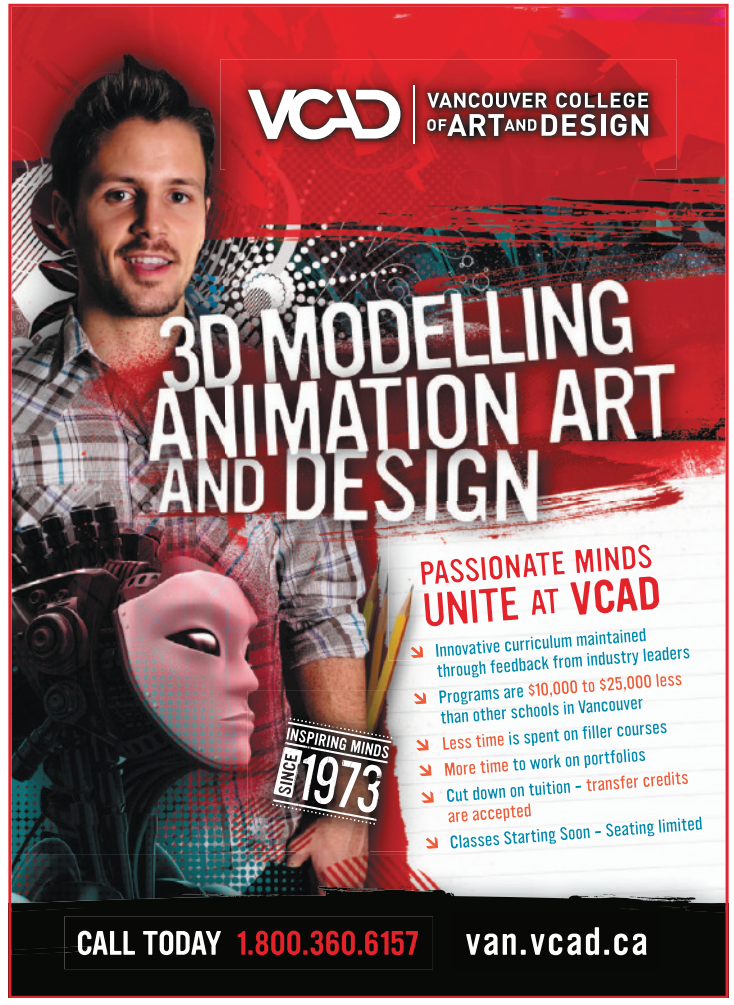
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Pick your battles

- In one recent case, the employee lost because he challenged his employer's efforts to restructure, although it was done to limit lost inventory. Do not expect your employer's sympathy when you challenge good faith decisions to cut costs.

Employees are often the authors of their own misfortunes at work. Few take advantage of laws that are construed in their favour. Fewer will challenge their employer's decisions, however unjust. Most will just complain. But — if you have an inclination to fight back, here are some do's and don'ts:

Condonation: If you disagree with an employer's decision, such as not receiving a salary increase or promotion, you must immediately protest it and do so in writing. Failing to respond simply conveys to your employer that you agreed with its decision or at least that you did not care enough to complain. Otherwise, don't try to argue the bonus you say you were promised must now be paid. Similarly, many good cases of harassment or constructive dismissal die on the vine because of a delay in mounting an appropriate response. If you want a court to believe that your job was rendered so intolerable that you had no option but to leave, then you should swiftly do just that.

Skeletons: Just about every employee has a skeleton in their closet. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to dismiss you, however unfair. Some workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your reputation.

Investigations: If you are being accused of some form of misconduct, do nothing further that suggests you are being untruthful. Often, the initial allegation will quietly go away but by trying to cover-up even a small transgression you will give the employer the very cause to fire you it was so desperately seeking. In one recent British Columbia case, the court found the employee would have been entitled to damages but for his dishonesty during an investigation into his alleged misconduct.

Contracts: Do not take the position that your contract applies in some circumstances but should be thrown out in others. Employees get caught when taking advantage of contractual promises, such as a golden parachute, but then breaching that same contract's limitations on working for a competitor or speaking with their clients following departure. Many lawsuits turn sideways when the conduct you complain of is similar to what you have done.

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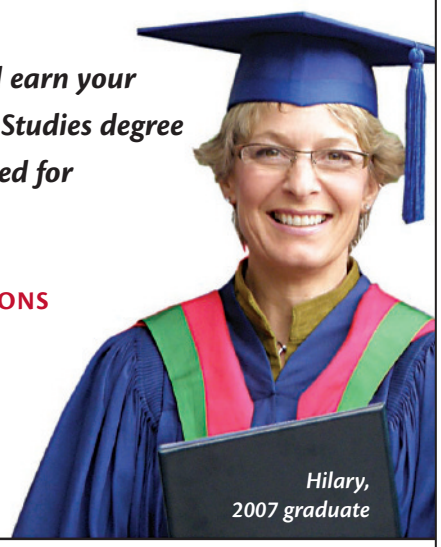

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Touring this film's backdrop isn't Complicated

If you liked the backdrop for It's Complicated, the new comedy about love and divorce starring Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin, you might enjoy a visit to Santa Barbara, where parts of the movie were set. santabarbaraca.com/filmtour/its-complicated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Is that a sherpa in your pocket...?

On the road, nothing really beats a good tip from a local on where to get the best ribs, catch a jazz show, or how to score tickets at a popular venue. Guide books invariably promise to give tourists the local scoop and routinely deliver mixed results. But Pocket Sherpa, an iPhone app, could be your best travel companion. The application is tied to the localyte.com — which seeks to connect travellers with "local people who are proud of where they live and want to share their local knowledge." The app promises to connect users to more than 40,000 locals in 7,000-plus locations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Party at Florida's pirate Mardi Gras

Tampa Bay's street festival attracted 350,000 eye-patched, peg-legged revellers in 2009

Dave Pagano started his life as a pirate a few years back wearing a white linen shirt with puffy sleeves and open neckline.

Then he bought a bandanna, a dreadlocked wig, a replica musket, a sword, a knife and, this year alone, $500 US worth of beads.

Pagano is a Tampa pirate and, later this month, he will be in his buccaneer glory when the city's annual pirate festival, Gasparilla, kicks off. Gasparilla, which is more than a century old, attracted 350,000 people last year. It's known for its rowdy, Mardi Gras-style atmosphere — including bead-tossing by costumed revellers.

Pagan will be among them, wandering the crowds during three parades, handing out long strings of beads — some with rubber ducks attached. (The ducks also wear pirate hats).

"You cannot describe the fun you have doing it," said Pagano, a 50-something business consultant who, even on New Year's Eve, sat in a bar dressed in full pirate regalia.

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Pirates hang off the Jose Gaspararilla pirate ship as it makes its way along Seedon Channel during the 'invasion' of Tampa Bay.

Tampa and pirates go way back, long before Jack Sparrow or the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team.

According to city lore, a Spanish pirate named Jose Gaspar terrorized the west coast of Florida in the 18th and 19th centuries. The swashbuckler's legend was unearthed in 1904, when some enterprising city leaders — having just returned from Mardi Gras in New Orleans — decided that Tampa needed its own street festival.

The festival organizers adopted Gaspar as a patron saint. Early Gasparilla parades featured a krewe — high-society social club members in full pirate regalia — arriving on horseback and "capturing" the city.

If you go ...

- The Festival begins Jan. 30. For more details visit gasparillapiratefest.com.

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The Jose Gaspar tall ship is surrounded by several local yachts as the ships makes its way down the channel

Later, krewes, which is also what Mardi Gras clubs are called, became more plentiful, the costumes more elaborate. Led by that first initial group, Ye Mystic Krewe, the krewes arrived via boat, floating from Hillsborough Bay into the city's downtown to seize the key to the city from the mayor, who always plays along.

With hundreds of thousands of people turning out to watch, it's easy to see why folks like Pagano tend to get a little pirate-obsessed all year round in Tampa. But you don't need an elaborate costume to enjoy the Gasparilla fun. A pair of comfortable shoes and a little pre-party planning will do.

"The people who will enjoy Gasparilla the most will be the ones who plan ahead," said Darrell Stefany, the president of Event Fest, which produces the annual Seminole Hard Rock Gasparilla Pirate Fest.

The first event takes place Jan. 23, with the Children's Gasparilla Extravaganza.

This is an alcohol-free event, with bike rodeos, children in pint-sized pirate costumes and fireworks. Held in the same location as the adult-themed parade a week later, the children's parade is family friendly and free.

The true bacchanal begins Jan. 30, with a 10 a.m. Invasion Brunch at the Tampa Convention Center and then storms through the city.

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141 Pretend pirates cause trouble too, though less serious. Because of problems in residential areas near the parade and public drunkenness in past years (141 people were arrested during the 2009 fest), Tampa Police will have a larger presence this year and crack down on inappropriate behaviour.

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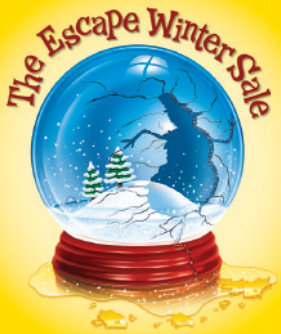

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Ono plans Lennon book

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Entertainment

Vaughn weds

Vince Vaughn married fiancée Kyla Weber last weekend during a small ceremony in his hometown of Chicago, his rep confirms to People magazine. Weber is a Calgary real estate agent. PEOPLE.COM

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Kevin Bacon recognized for charity

PEOPLE Hollywood's awards season is just beginning, and Kevin Bacon has already won.

The 51-year-old actor, nominated for Screen Actors Guild and Golden Globe awards for his starring turn in the TV movie Taking Chance, will receive the Joel Siegel Award from the Broadcast Film Critics Association. The award recognizes an entertainer's charitable efforts.

Meryl Streep will present the honour to Bacon at the Critics' Choice Movie Awards on Jan. 15.

Bacon is being honoured for website SixDegrees.org. Bacon said he was inspired by Paul Newman, who "took this simple idea and was able to translate it into millions and millions of dollars of good work." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In brief

PEOPLE The people who watch TV shows, buy movie tickets and follow their favourite artists online get to call the shots during the first show of Hollywood's awards season: the People's Choice Awards. The awards will be presented today in Los Angeles. Topping the nominees are vampire tales Twilight and True Blood.

MOVIES The sci-fi smashes Avatar, Star Trek and District 9 are among nominees for top film honours from the Producers Guild of America. The group also handed best-picture nominations to Up, Inglourious Basterds, The Hurt Locker, Precious, Up in the Air, An Education and Invictus.

COURTS A Los Angeles judge has scheduled a hearing today in Roman Polanski's criminal case. It's the first time the sex case will be back in court since an appeals court last month rejected Polanski's bid to have it dismissed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Growing pains

Michael Cera returns with Youth In Revolt

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

In Youth in Revolt, Brampton, Ont., born actor Michael Cera plays an anachronistic Frank Sinatra fan who falls for the anachronistic Jean-Paul Belmondo loving girl who lives next door at the trailer park.

When circumstance steps in to keep them apart he (with the help of an imaginary friend named Francois Dillinger) changes his life to be with her.

Cera admits the idea of having one of his favourite books pared down from 500 pages to a 90 minute script made him nervous but he couldn't resist the opportunity to sign on to the project.

"I just love the book," he says. "It's very cinematic and I thought the humour of the book would work very well on screen. That was the thought behind the movie; to capture the humour on screen.

"You can't tell the whole story of the book because it is so huge, but the book exists for that reason. The book is its own enjoyment."

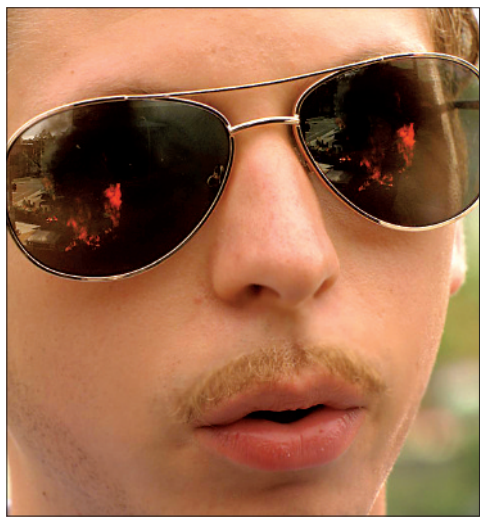
Youth in Revolt is in theatres this Friday

His character, Nick Twisp, appealed to the actor because it had a ring of authenticity often missing from teen comedies.

"I love the voice of the character," he said, "and it's nice when you're reading the book because you're reading his journal so you are really tapping right into his mind. It feels like you are feeling the thought process of the author. I connected with that.

"The character was real," he said. "C.D. Payne wrote it really personally. It felt like he wrote it in his own voice. He wasn't trying to write like a fourteen year old kid. He didn't add in any false naiveté or didn't try and sound less intelligent he was just writing and it was personal. I think that's why people connect to things; when they feel personal."

Cera hopes audiences will relate with Youth in Revolt. "I hope maybe people will feel inspired," he says. "That would be the best case scenario. That's the best feeling I have walking out of the movies. That's a hard thing to accomplish but it is special when it happens."



Canadian actor Michael Cera stars in new movie Youth In Revolt.

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	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Mercy (N) (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		The Jay Leno Show (N) (CC)		KING 5 News
	602	568	19 W	Supernanny "Orm Family"		Dine With Me	Grocery Bag	Restaur.	Restaur.	Chef Worthy	Fearl-Kitchen	Grocery Bag
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle	The Middle	Family	Cougar Town	(:01) Ugly Betty (N) (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Blue Thunder ★★ (1983) Roy Scheider, Malcolm McDowell.				Seinfeld	King	Cheers (CC)
	291	383	27 PBS	OpenRoad	Steves Europe	The Human Spark		This Emotional Life Behavior fosters positive emotions. (N)				Change, Brain
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Glee "Mash Up" (CC)		Glee "Wheels" (CC)		Q13 FOX News at Ten (N)		Family Guy
	-	364	45 PBS	(6:00) This Emotional Life (N)		Being Served	Keeping Up	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		The Human Spark	
	296	654	34 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	The Office	Name Is Earl	South Park	Half & Half	Bring Wall St	Street Court	Cold Files
	298	653	35 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	One Tree Hill (CC)		Gossip Girl (CC)		KTLA 5 News at 10 (N) (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	36 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Maury (CC)	
	297	652	37 WPX	PIX News at Ten Tong. (N)		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	According-Jim	Family Guy	South Park	Scrubs (CC)
	199	311	76 STR	People's Choice Awards		CTV News	NTV Latenight News		Late Show W/Letterman		Late Late Show/Ferguson	
news	502	390	26 NW	Avalanche: The White Death		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Avalanche: The White Death		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	WHL Hockey		Hockey	Canucks TV	The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	SportsCentre	Off the Record	World Poker Tour: Season 7		World Poker Tour: Season 7		SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Ghost Hunters Academy		Destination Truth (CC)		Operate-Repo	Operate-Repo	Ghost Hunters Academy		Ghost Hunters
	410	403	54 SCR	Football	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live)				Score Now		Final Score
	417	406	55 SC	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pass Time	Pass Time	Dangerous Drives		Pass Time	Pass Time	Wrecked
	416	409	114 GLF	Fútbol Español Copa del Rey: Recreativos vs. Atlético Madrid.				Gol TV News	Gol a Gol	Paid Program	Gol TV News	Gol TV News
family	552	543	25 YTV	iCarly (CC)	That's-Weird	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Prank Patrol
	555	545	50 TEL	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Chicken
	557	541	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	Zack & Cody	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
	553	546	53 TRE	Babar (CC)	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Dragon	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	(:35) Franklin	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	6 KNO	Blue Realm "Shark Business"		Indian School	Indian School	Carnegie Hall Opening Night 2006 (N) (CC)			(:18) Gala From Berlin 2006	
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Due South "Bird in the Hand"		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	According-Jim
	570	580	24 MM	My Date	disBAND	MuchOnDemand (CC)		Pimp My Ride	My Own	Love Court	My Date	Spotlight
	600	564	29 H&G	House	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Agent-Agent	Intervention	Property	Unsellable	House
	615	520	31 A&E	Steven Seagal	Steven Seagal	Steven Seagal	Steven Seagal	Bounty Hunter	(:31) Dog the Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	Steven Seagal
	628	584	32 SPKE	Ways to Die	MANswers (N)	MANswers	Ways to Die	DEA "Marijuana Grow House"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Trek: Voyager
	521	560	34 TLC	Tailgate Take	Tailgate Take	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Tailgate Take	Tailgate Take	Cake Boss
	616	522	39 SHO	Relic Hunter (CC)		Devil's Diary (2007) Deanna Casaluce, Alexz Johnson. (CC)				HawthoRNe "Pilot" (CC)		NCIS "Kill Ari"
	620	523	40 BVO	White Collar "Threads" (CC)		Law & Order "White Rabbit"		Without a Trace "Skeletons"		White Collar "Threads" (CC)		Modeling
	601	562	41 SLC	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada	What	Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives OC		Runway
	520	505	42 DIS	Mayday "Gimli Glider" (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Mayday "Gimli Glider" (CC)		Destroyed	Destroyed	License
	522	506	44 HIS	Ice Pilots NWT "Suspension"		Nostradamus Effect (CC)		Ice Road Truckers (CC)		Ice Pilots NWT "Suspension"		Re-Inventors
	627	528	45 SPC	Supernatural (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Nemesis"		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Lost "The Lie" (CC)		Supernatural
	294	650	47 TBS	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
	619	525	48 TROP	Rescue Ink (CC)		Hoarders "Linda; Steven" (N)		Hoarders "Patty; Bill" (N)		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Spoiled
	603	561	52 FN	Chopped (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Diners, Drive	Unwrapped	Chopped (CC)		Iron Chef Am.
	-	-	53 AMC	(5:00) Daylight	Escape From L.A. ★★ (1996, Action) Kurt Russell. Premiere.				Daylight ★★ (1996) Sylvester Stallone, Amy Brenneman.			
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Just for Laughs Unleashed		Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:25) Courage (2009)		Angel and the Badman (2009) Luke Perry.			(:45) The Gambler, the Girl and the Gunslinger (2009)			
	581	566	101 MTV	The Real World (N) (CC)		MTV Live	After	Teen Mom (CC)		The Real World (CC)		MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	(6:00) Famous Families		Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert				To Be Announced		Paid Program
	-	-	103 MUL	Sewing Maid	Boys Over Flo	Van. Nights	Iranian Pop	Sabor Latino		Sabor Musical	Temas	Patrol World

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The Restaurant Adventures of Caroline & Dave

How hard can it be to run a restaurant? Ask Caroline Ishii and Dave Loan that question. On second thought, don't ask; just watch this new series, which follows the couple as they pursue their dream of opening a vegetarian restaurant in Ottawa's Chinatown. From staffing problems, missing-in-action contractors and kitchen fires, there's never a dull moment. Will the restaurant survive? Will their relationship survive? Watch and see. 9 PM on W

Daylight

Echoes of "The Poseidon Adventure" and similar (not to mention superior) '70s thrillers are everywhere in this 1996 by-the-numbers adventure. The setting isn't a ship or a skyscraper, but New York's Holland Tunnel, where a toxic waste explosion traps a collection of characters right out of disaster movie central casting. Their fate rests in the hands of an ex-city official who battles rats, giant exhaust fan blades and, of course, the clock in order to save them. 5 PM on AMC

Ivanova discusses Wood relationship

Ekaterina Ivanova, the 21-year-old former waitress who dated 62-year-old Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood for 18 months, is talking about the relationship. In an interview with British tabloid The Sun, Ivanova calls Wood an "evil goblin king." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Celebrity tweets

Matthew Perry wants to see more modesty in the world, Serena Williams turns to her Twitter followers for culinary advice and Danny DeVito really enjoyed Avatar.

• @langford-perry Why do men in steam rooms insist on not using a towel? Cover yourself up sweaty fat naked man!

• @serenajwilliams How do I make beans?? My mom is not answering her phone!! Hurry!! I just boil them for like what 3 hrs??

• @Danny_DeVito Great movie. IMAX in Burbank. Smaller screen but great picture. Like to bang one of those ten foot broads!

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Did a friend rob her?

BFFS NO MORE Sounds like Lindsay Lohan's new year has gotten off on the wrong foot, usmagazine.com reports.

While celebrating 2010 on the island of St. Barth's, the 23-year-old star discovered that she was ripped off by her longtime best friend and sidekick Patrick (Pootie) Aufdenkamp.

A friend close to Lohan tells usmagazine.com, "Patrick stole Lindsay's sketches for her new 6126 clothing line." WWD reported Dec. 30 that Lohan's 6126 leggings line would be expanded to become a full clothing collection for fall 2010; her role as artistic advisor for fashion house Emanuel Ungaro, despite a rocky start, is also ongoing.

Lohan tells usmagazine.com that Aufdenkamp has been her "best friend" since she was 16. He has frequently been photographed with the actress, and was present at many meetings related to her new fashion line.

"He is now running off trying to do his own line," a Lohan pal says.

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Jolie kids inherit six-figures

NEW TRUST FUND Three of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's children were left a handsome six-figure sum by the actress' late mother, according to documents filed in Los Angeles Superior Court last week, usmagazine.com reports.

Actress Marcheline Bertrand — who died in 2007 after a cancer battle — gave Maddox, 8, Zahara, 6, and Shiloh, 3, each $100,000 US in a new trust fund. The three cannot have access to the money until they turn 25.

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Carey joins hubby at club

COUPLES NIGHT OUT After performing at Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa on Saturday night, Mariah Carey kept the party going until the wee hours, joining husband Nick Cannon as he deejayed in club mur.mur, people.com reports.

"Security literally cleared a path for her to walk through," says a witness. "She was surrounded by handlers."

Carey spent her night singing along "to just about every song" — including her own, Emotions — and happily posed and waved for fans while giggling with her dancers.

When Cannon's set wrapped around 2 a.m., Carey joined him in the deejay both to close out the evening

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Winehouse dad discourages union

SECOND TIME'S A CHARM? Amy Winehouse's reconciliation with ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil seems to be going well, and her father isn't thrilled about it, according to Closer magazine. "I'd be devastated," he says of the possibility of the two getting remarried. "I'm worried about the situation and I'm going to discourage her in every way I can. Their relationship was a disaster, it was destructive and they're lucky that one of them didn't die."

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Martin supports causes

HUMANITARIAN ON THE RISE Last month Ricky Martin took to his website to condemn international hate crimes and call for tolerance. Now the singer is taking to Twitter to drum up support for his next venture — donating blood, The Advocate reports.

The magazine reports the singer, who it notes has declined to talk in interviews about his personal life but has become increasingly vocal about his support for gay rights and causes, tweeted on Sunday: "i want to donate blood, have you ever?"

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Winning back Witherspoon

SHE'S WORTH IT While Reese Witherspoon called it quits with him because she reportedly wasn't ready for marriage, Jake Gyllenhaal still wants her back, according to In Touch.

In an attempt to win her back, Gyllenhaal reportedly bought Witherspoon $75,000 US worth of vintage French dinnerware for her Ojai, Calif., vacation home as a Christmas gift, and he's also been sending emails and flowers. "He isn't giving up without a fight," a source says.

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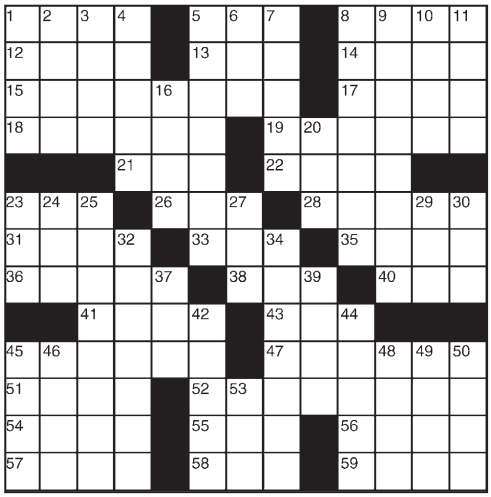

ACROSS

1 Now, on a memo
5 Early bird?
8 Oodles
12 Undraped
13 Ultra-modernist
14 "Forget it!"
15 Attack without restraint
17 Actor Rip
18 Long step
19 Ducklings' pops
21 Meadow
22 Ganges wrap
23 Curved line
26 Billboards
28 Male singing voice
31 Nitwit
33 Droop
35 Go nowhere
36 Capital of Jordan
38 Drops on the lawn
40 Tramcar load
41 The era of Shak.
43 Catch red-handed
45 Ornamental grating
47 Washington neighbor
51 Stereo counterpart
52 Meet
54 Female singing voice
55 "Norma —"
56 Feline, to Francisco
57 Old Dodge model
58 MGM motto start
59 Furry sci-fi critter

DOWN

1 Picnic invaders
2 Tallow
3 Hebrew month
4 Danger
5 Groups of nine
6 Comprehend
7 Merchandise
8 Brightest star in Scorpio
9 Investigate
10 Shrek is one
11 Oodles
16 Thought
20 Snitch
23 Lawyers' org.
24 Data storage site
25 Inherit
27 Despondent
29 Rowing need
30 "Catcher in the —"
32 Increase rapidly
34 "Mapped" hereditary matter
37 Goose egg
39 Distort
42 Marty, in "Madagascar"
44 Ecru
45 Fed
46 Portrayal
48 Rodents do it
49 "Beetle Bailey" dog
50 Corner
53 Eg. and Syr., once

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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		2	1		3	7		
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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1	8	2	3	4	6	7	9	5
9	4	5	2	8	7	3	6	1
3	6	7	9	5	1	8	2	4
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7	1	9	8	6	5	4	3	2
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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Egg and Bacon Spaghetti

INGREDIENTS:

14 oz (400 g) spaghetti
3 1/2 oz (100 g) frozen peas
3 1/2 oz (100 g) bacon strips, cut into 1/2-in. (1 cm) pieces
6 scallions, sliced
1/2 cup (125 mL) grated Parmesan cheese
4 eggs
6 3/4 tbsp (100 mL) ricotta cheese

METHOD:

1. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Add peas for final 3 minutes of cooking, returning water to boil.
2. Put bacon pieces into frying pan and dry-fry over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned and crispy. Drain off excess fat from pan, leaving about 1 tsp (5 mL). Add scallions and cook gently until just soft.
3. Put Parmesan cheese into bowl with eggs and ricotta cheese. Season with ground black pepper and beat with fork.
4. Drain spaghetti and peas; return to hot, empty pot with bacon and scallions. Off heat, add egg mixture and toss thoroughly; eggs will thicken in residual heat for creamy sauce. Turn into serving bowl and serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It's highly unlikely that you will be able to compromise so go your own way and do your own thing. You don't need other people to hold your hand.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You've got to make changes and you've got to make them now. With Pluto strong in your chart you won't find it hard to be ruthless.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You want to do something dramatic but what are your motives? Is there something specific you wish to achieve or do you just want to make a noise?

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If someone you love gives you a hard time about something today don't take it personally. Most likely they are going through a phase.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You would be wise not to force others to make changes that may not suit their needs. A more moderate course will work better for everyone.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Do you follow your instincts and put yourself at odds with majority opinion? Be true to what you believe. Otherwise, why believe anything?

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Changes on the career front will work in your favor over the next few days, so be ready to move when the opportunity arises.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Difficult aspects to Mars over the next few days warn you would be wise not to push your luck, especially when dealing with authority figures.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may have to reveal something about yourself that you were hoping to keep secret but it would have come out sooner or later.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
There is so much determination and intensity about you at the moment that no obstacle can stop you from reaching your goal.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Keep reminding yourself that you have nothing to prove. Keep reminding yourself that who you are is who you are meant to be.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There may be a thousand and one things that need doing but don't try to do them all on your own. Get help.

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For full rules and how to enter, visit www.nissan.ca/holidaykickoff. Contest closes January 10, 2010. Three (3) Grand Prizes available to be won, each consisting of a trip for two (2) people to 2010 Pro Bowl and Super Bowl XLIV in South Florida. Approximate retail value of each Grand Prize is $10,000.00 (CDN). Random draw will be held on January 12, 2010 in Mississauga, ON. Must be a resident of Canada (excluding Québec), over age of majority. Odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible entries received. Correct answer to mathematical skill testing question required. Limit of one (1) entry per person/household. (c) 2009 NFL Ventures LP. Team names/logos are trademarks of the teams indicated. All other NFL-related trademarks are trademarks of the National Football League. ‡0% purchase financing for up to 36 months available on 2010 Altima Sedan (excluding Hybrid), Sentra and Rogue models. Finance Example for a new 2010 Altima Sedan 2.5 S (T4RG10 AE00): $26,498 Selling Price including ($1,400) freight and PDE, financed at 0% APR for 36 months equals $597.17 per month with $5,000 down payment or equivalent trade-in. Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $26,498. Up to $84 PPSA, license, registration, insurance, duties and applicable taxes (including excise tax and fuel conservation tax, where applicable) are extra. Finance offers are available on approved credit through Nissan Canada Finance for a limited time, may change without notice and cannot be combined with any other offers. Retailers are free to set individual prices. Offers valid between January 5th and January 10th, 2010. †Lease Examples: $26,498/$26,198/$16,523 Selling Price for a new 2010 Altima Sedan 2.5 S (T4RG10 AE00)/2010 Rogue FWD S (W6RG10 AA00)/2010 Sentra (C4LG50 AA00) at 2.9%/1.9%/4.9% lease rate for a 48/36/60 month term. Monthly payment is $298/$308/$203 including ($1,400)/($1,500)/($1,325) freight and PDE, with $4,500/$3,750/$1,750 down payment, and $0/$0/$0 security deposit. License, registration, insurance, duties and applicable taxes (including excise tax and fuel conservation tax, where applicable) are extra. All prices are subject to change without notice. Retailer may lease for less. Lease based on a maximum of 24,000 km per year with excess charged at $0.10/km. Total lease obligation is $18,792/$14,839/$13,930. Lease and finance offers are available on approved credit through Nissan Canada Finance for a limited time, may change without notice and cannot be combined with any other offers. Retailers are free to set individual prices. Offers valid between January 5th and January 10th, 2010. ††Selling Price for a new 2010 Altima Sedan 2.5 S (T4RG10 AE00), CVT transmission/2010 Rogue FWD S (W6RG10 AA00), CVT transmission/2010 Sentra (C4LG50 AA00), manual transmission. Freight and PDE charges ($1,400)/($1,500)/($1,325) are included. License, registration, insurance, duties and applicable taxes (including excise tax and fuel conservation tax, where applicable) are extra. All prices are subject to change without notice. Retailer may sell for less. ▲Actual mileage may vary with driving conditions - use for comparison only. ▲▲Models shown $33,298 Selling Price for a new 2010 Altima Sedan 3.5 SR (T4SG10 AA00), CVT transmission/$30,798 Selling Price for a new 2010 Rogue SL AWD (Y6SG10 AA00), CVT transmission/$24,423 Selling Price for a new 2010 Sentra 2.0 SL (C4TG10 AA00), CVT transmission. Freight and PDE charges ($1,400)/($1,500)/($1,325) are included. License, registration, insurance, duties and applicable taxes (including excise tax and fuel conservation tax, where applicable) are extra. All prices are subject to change without notice and cannot be combined with any other offers. Retailer may sell for less. †The Nissan Altima received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among midsize cars in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2009 U.S. Initial Quality Study℠. Study based on responses from 80,930 U.S. new-vehicle owners, measuring 245 models and measures opinions after 90 days of ownership. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of owners surveyed in February-May 2009. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. ‡The 2010 Rogue is winner of a Consumers Digest Best Buy Award. The Best Buy Seal is a registered trademark of Consumers Digest Communications, LLC, used under license. ²The 2009 Rogue is winner of ALG Residual Value Award - CUV Segment. ³Government star ratings are part of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) New Car Assessment Program (www.safercar.gov). U.S. model tested. Please see www.safercar.gov for up to date information. ▪For a limited time receive up to $1,000 Grad discount available on select models when leasing or financing a new 2009 or 2010 Nissan. See retailer for complete Grad program details.